GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3480
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MID DAY MEAL SCHEME
PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rotten wheat is being distributed amongst the poor students under the Mid-day meal Scheme;

(b) if so, the number of such complaints received by the Government during the last two years and the action taken thereon;

(c) the measures taken by the Government to ensure that only good quality wheat/food be distributed to students; and

(d) the quantum of money spent by the Government on the said scheme during the last two years, State-wise/Union Territory- wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) No, Sir, According to the instructions issued by Food Corporation of India fair quality wheat is to be supply under the programme.

(b) & (c). Any complaint received by the Ministry regarding the quality of food grains supplied, is taken up immediately with the Food Corporation of India / State Government concerned. Accordingly, action has been taken on three complaints received regarding the quality of wheat during this period.

(d). No funds are allocated to States/UTs under the Scheme. Expenditure incurred by the Government during the last two years are given as under:

Year	Expenditure (Rs. in crore)
1999-2000	1500.00
2000-2001	1299.00